

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JOE HAND PROMOTIONS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

11-CV-03762 (NGG) (VVP)

-against-

ALLAN ZYLLER, ANTHONY BANAS, JACK BERNOWITZ, BSZ REALTY CORP., and DOM & LUIGI'S SMOKEHOUSE, INC.,

Defendant.

NICHOLAS G. GARAUFIS, United States District Judge.

On August 3, 2011, Plaintiff Joe Hand Promotions, Inc., filed this action against

Defendants Allan Zyller, Anthony Banas, BSZ Realty Corp., Jack Bernowitz, and Dom &

Luigi's Smokehouse, Inc., alleging common-law conversion, as well as unauthorized
interception, reception, and publication of Plaintiff's closed-circuit telecast of an ultimate
fighting match (the "Fight") on February 6, 2011, in violation of the Cable Communications

Policy Act of 1984 (the "Cable Act"), 47 U.S.C. §§ 553 and 605, seeking statutory damages
under section 605(e)(3) of the Cable Act and damages for common-law conversion. (Compl.

(Dkt. 1).) On April 12, 2013, Plaintiff moved for default judgment against defendants Anthony
Banas, Jack Bernowitz, and Dom Luigi's Smokehouse, Inc. (collectively "Defaulting
Defendants") (Pl. Mot. for Default J. (Dkt. 43).) The court referred this motion to Magistrate
Judge Viktor V. Pohorelsky for a report and recommendation ("R&R") pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
§ 636(b)(1)(B) and Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b)(1) to address both liability and
damages. (See Apr. 12, 2013, Order (Dkt. 44).)

On December 13, 2013, Judge Pohorelsky issued an R&R recommending that the court

grant Plaintiff's motion for default judgment and direct the entry of judgment against Defaulting

Defendants in the amount of \$5,890.50, representing \$4,415.50 in statutory damages and \$1,475

in attorneys' fees and costs. (See R&R (Dkt. 47).) Pursuant to Judge Pohorelsky's Order (see

id. at 16), Plaintiff filed proof of service of the R&R upon Defaulting Defendants (see Certificate

of Service (Dkt. 48)).

No party has objected to Judge Pohorelsky's R&R, and the time to do so has passed. See

Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b)(2); (see also R&R at 15). Therefore, the court reviews the R&R for clear

error. See Gesualdi v. Mack Excavation & Trailer Serv., Inc., No. 09-CV-2502 (KAM), 2010

WL 985294, at *1 (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 15, 2010); La Torres v. Walker, 216 F. Supp. 2d 157, 159

(S.D.N.Y. 2000); cf. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Finding no clear error, the court ADOPTS the R&R

in its entirety, see Porter v. Potter, 219 F. App'x 112 (2d Cir. 2007), and as set forth above and in

the R&R: Plaintiff's motion for default judgment is GRANTED and judgment shall be entered

against Defendant for \$5,890.50, representing \$4,415.50 in statutory damages and \$1,475 in

attorneys' fees and costs. The Clerk of Court is respectfully directed to enter judgment and close

the case.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York January <u>6</u>, 2014

s/Nicholas G. Garaufis

United States District Judge

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